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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-22 are currently pending. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Response to Arguments

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy he extended during the in person interview on December 8. Further thereto, the claims have been amended. The claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1-10 and 14-22 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Rosenbaum *et al.* (US Patent 5,031,223). Further to interview and amendment noted above, claim 1 is now believed to be allowable. The remaining claims depend from claim 1 and are therefore also considered allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over '223 in view of Mampe (US Patent 4,992,469). Claims 11-13 depend from claim 1. For at least the above reasons, claims 11-13 are now believed allowable and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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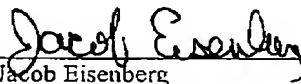
CONCLUSION

The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Applicant understands that with the Revised Amendment Format, the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121 are waived. Should any part of the present response not be in full compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

No new matter has been added.

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